(b) the names of all such refineries and the capacities and the public sector units sponsoring them;

(c) whether Government have devised a way to utilise the existing over-capacity in the oil refining sector in India;

(d) if so, the details of plans in this regard;

(e) whether any outside expertise has been taken to study on how to cope with the immense new capacity which is expected; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) refinery of 9 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA) capacity at Paradip in Orissa, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (HPCL) refinery of 9 MMTPA capacity at Bhatinda in Punjab and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL) refinery of 6 MMTPA refinery at Bina in Madhya Pradesh are expected to come up in the near future. These refineries are to be set up through joint ventures of the above public sector companies.

(c) to (f) Refining Sector has been delicensed. Therefore, capacity utilization of the refineries arising out of capacity additions is under the perview of the respective oil companies including any implications on profitability arising out of capacity additions/utilisations.

Proposal to reduce the excise duty on Petroleum Products

†366. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has sent a proposal to the Ministry of Finance to reduce the exise duty on petroleum products upto 50 per cent by making comprehensive change in the present structure of excise duty on petroleum;

(b) if so, when the said proposal was sent and the reasons for sending this proposal;

(c) whether his Ministry has received any response in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (d) In course of the budgetary exercise, this Ministry takes up the issue of revision of duties including the duties of excises on petroleum products with the Ministry of Finance. The duties before and after the passing of the Finance Bill 2000-2001 are given in the Statement.

Statment

Excise Duties on Petroleum Products

(in percentage)

	Pre-revised rates (1999-2000)	Revised rates (2000-01) (Cenvat + special excise duty)
Motor Spirit	32	32
Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)	8	8
Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)	8	16
Furnace Oil/Naphtha and Low Sulpher-Heavy Stock—General use.	16	16
Furnance Oil/Naphtha and Low Sulpher-Heavy Stock (LSHS)—Fertilisers	16	16
Kerosene	8	8
High Speed Diesel/Light Diesel Oil	16	16
Aviation Turbine Fuel	16	16
Bitumen	16	16
Others	16	16

Demand for Natural Gas by 2025

867. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the document India Hydro Carbon Vision 2025 issued by Government, the demand for natural gas will be increasing from 151 MMSCMD in 2001-2002 to 391 MMSCMD by 2025;